

REMARKS

Basis for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in original claim 11 and original claim 3. Basis for the amendments to claim 6 may be found at page 4 line 17 of the specification. It is respectfully urged that the amendments do not raise any new issues as the Examiner thoroughly discussed the "about" issue in the Office Action and also discussed the issue of the groove frequency. It is respectfully requested that in the alternative the claims be entered for purposes of appeal.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claim 11 is objected to because of the misspelling of "butyral". Claim 11 has been deleted and therefore it is respectfully requested that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

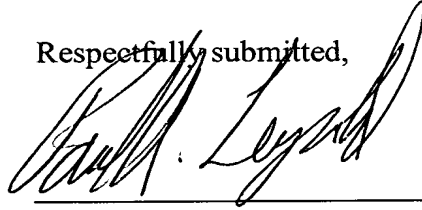
In paragraph 4, claims 1, 4-6, and 9-12 stand rejected under the written description requirement. In section A the Examiner states that the term "organic solvent" in the liquid coating of claim 1 is new matter not supported by the specification. This term has been replaced by the specifically taught organic solvent composition set forth in previous claim 11 and page 4 line 14. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn. With respect to the objection to claim 6, the applicant has returned to the original liquid coating language that finds basis in the application as filed. It is respectfully urged that this is proper for claim 6. Claim 6 deals with apparatus and the particular coating liquid utilized is not considered part of apparatus in the apparatus claim. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In section B of the 35 USC 112 rejection, the Examiner discusses the limitation in the claims to "about 1.6 grooves per mm to about 4 grooves per mm". The Examiner questions the basis for these terms. The Examiner is correct, the term "about" is not in the specification. The claim has been modified to specify greater than 1.6 grooves per millimeter, which is language utilized in the specification and in previous claim 3. The applicant has also indicated the upper limit as 100 grooves per inch. This limitation finds basis in the specification at lines 14-22 and line 25. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection

be reconsidered and withdrawn as the claims are now definite and in a form supported by the specification.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 11 and rejection of claims under 35 USC 112 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application. In the alternative to this, it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered for purposes of appeal as the amendments narrow the issues for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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